

In the event that Applicants elect Group I for further prosecution in this application, the Examiner further requires an election of one among the following species:

Species I - Figures 1-2;
Species II - Figures 5a-5b;
Species III - Figures 6a-6b;
Species IV - Figures 7a-7b;
Species V - Figures 8a, 8b, and 10a-10d; and
Species VI - Figures 9a-9c.

In response to the Examiner's request, Applicants elect Group I (i.e., Claims 1-19) and Species I (i.e., Figures 1-2) for further prosecution herein. Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-10 and 15 read on Species I and , therefore, should be examined. Applicants further submit that Claims 1, 2 and 15 are generic to all of the Species within Group I so that allowance of any of these claims should result in the examination of all claims that depend therefrom. Although the foregoing election is made without traverse, Applicants hereby reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected inventions and/or species.

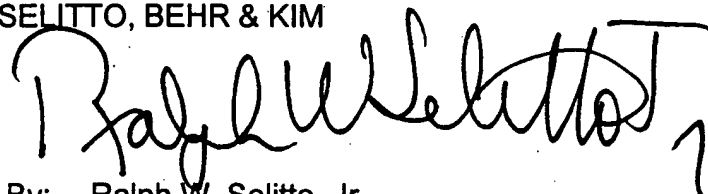
In view of the foregoing election, examination on the merits is respectfully requested. Should there remain any questions or other matters whose resolution could be advanced by a telephone call, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorney at his number below.

Enclosed is a Petition for a one-month extension of time for response to and including July 20, 2003, for which a \$110 fee is due. The Petition authorizes the

Examiner to charge this \$110 fee to Deposit Account No. 19-1218. If any additional fees are due as a result of this Election, including extension fees, the Examiner is authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 19-1218.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ralph W. Selitto, Jr.", written over the printed name.

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